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SUBJECT: NIGERIA AND DAHOMEY

REF: CHESHES-CROSBY LETTER OF FEBRUARY 1

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 12, SENIOR MEA OFFICIAL CONFIRMED JANUARY 31 VISIT TO COTONOU BY NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER ARIKPO AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL EJOOR. ACCORDING SOURCE, THEY MADE VISIT AT REQUEST OF KEREKOU, WHO HAD SENT SPECIAL ENVOY TO LAGOS TO URGE NIGERIAN HELP IN RECONCILING VARIOUS FACTIONS OF DAHOMEAN ARMED FORCES. SOURCE ADDED THAT DAHOMEAN FONMIN PAID RETURN VISIT TO LAGOS EARLY THIS WEEK TO CONTINUE EXCHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION WHAT RESULTS OF EITHER MISSION HAD BEEN.

2. INTERESTINGLY, THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC MENTION IN NIGERIA OF THESE VISITS OR OF FMG ROLE IN DAHOMEY. SOURCE EXPLAINED SILENCE HERE AS RESULT FMG DESIRE AVOID PUBLICIZING ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSTRUED ELSEWHERE AS UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBOR, EVEN THOUGH BOTH NIGERIA AND DAHOMEY KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT ACTIONS TAKEN IN PRESENT CASE WERE STRICTLY IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S REQUEST.

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